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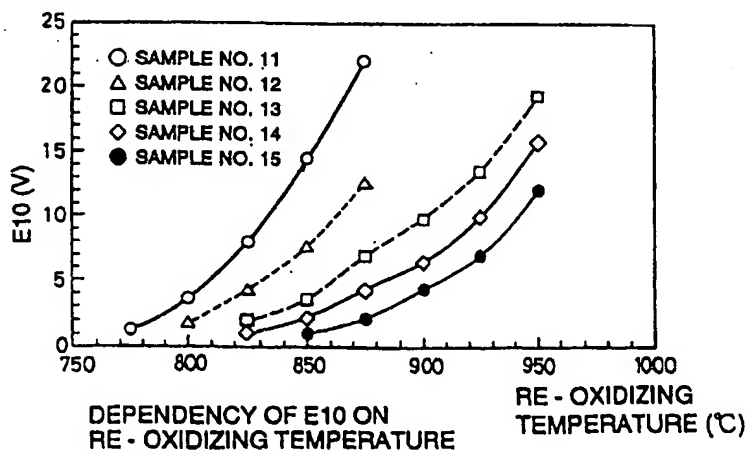
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(54) Voltage-dependent nonlinear resistor ceramics

(57) A voltage-dependent nonlinear resistor or varistor ceramic composition consists essentially of (1) an oxide of the formula: $[(\text{Sr}_{1-x-y}\text{Ba}_x\text{Ca}_y)_z\text{TiO}_3]$ wherein $0.3 < x \leq 0.9$, $0.1 \leq y \leq 0.5$, $x + y \leq 1$, and $0.84 < z < 1.16$, (2) 0.001 to 5.000 mol% of at least one oxide of niobium, tantalum, tungsten, manganese or R wherein R is yttrium or lanthanide, (3) 0.001 to 5.000 mol% of

SiO_2 , and (4) 0.001 to 5.000 mol% of MgO. When the varistor voltage is controlled by changing a re-oxidizing temperature without changing the composition, a satisfactory nonlinear index α is available over a wide range of varistor voltage. The dependency of varistor voltage on heat treating temperature is reduced.

FIG. 3



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